Letters written by MPs to Ministry

5186. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of letters written by the Members of Parliament to the Ministry during the period from 1st April, 1994 to 31st March, 1995;

(b) what is the number of letters acknowledged out of them;

(c) what is the number of letters in respect of which final replies were sent; and

(d) what is the break-up of final letters issued by the Ministry containing positive and negative replies respectively?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Decadel growth in per capita income of States

5187. DR. B. B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) decadel growth in per capita income of States since 1960;

(b) how many States have improved their per capita income as compared to national average;

(c) how many States have still per capita income below national average; and

(d) steps taken by Government to improve the position of these States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG): (a) to (d) A table of Statewise per capita income (per capita Net State Domestic Product) from 1960-61 to 1993-94 is given in the Annexure. [*See* Appendix 173, Annexurt No. 112]. Since 1960-61, the per capita net state domestic product of all States have shown improvement. In 1990-91, the per capita net State domestic product of 10 States were above the national average while the rest were lower.

The Central Government assists the States for their annual plans through Central Support which includes Central Assistance—Normal and Additional, open market borrowings etc. There are in addition Special Area Programmes for which Special Central Assistance is provided. The formula for distributing normal Central Assistance includes criteria based on per capita net Domestic Product. The Central Government also has Central sector schemes and Centrally sponsored schemes desiged to generate income for the people.